

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Healthy Families Alexandria, a program of Northern Virginia Family Service, has provided services to first-time parents in the City of Alexandria since its inception in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Healthy Families Alexandria staff provided services in 2004 to 250 families who otherwise would have lacked the knowledge and support to nurture and encourage their children in their earliest years; and

WHEREAS, Healthy Families Alexandria has educated parents to interact with and understand their child's capabilities, has assisted them to build strong relationships with their children, and has helped them connect with other resources in the community; and

WHEREAS, Healthy Families Alexandria has provided these services to a very diverse group of people from a variety of countries some of whom have limited English skills, are from minority families, are teens, have not finished high school, and are far from natural family support systems; and

WHEREAS, by promoting positive parenting and support, Healthy Families Alexandria has insured that program families (100% in 2004) have few substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect, and that they are set on a path for positive school experiences and productive adulthood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council do hereby proclaim our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all those who have made Healthy Families Alexandria an outstanding success.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 26th day of April 2005.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk